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1. On 31 January 1951, Rafael Mainardi, of Dominican nationality, arrived in Habana from Maiquetia, Venezuela. Records indicate that Mainardi, married, 27 years of age, a businessman by occupation, had been expelled from Venezuela immediately prior to his arrival in Cuba. It is reported further that Mainardi was active in the Cayo Confites affair.
2. Rafael Mainardi is the brother of Virgilio Mainardi Reyna, prominent member of the Partido Revolucionario Dominicano (PRD), a group which occupies itself with propaganda, rather than with any armed revolutionary effort against the government of the Dominican Republic. Jose Horacio Ornes, also a Dominican exile, is reported to be in Habana, and living at the Hotel San Luis.
3. "Pedrito" Reyes, Venezuelan, reported to be a good friend of Enrique Henriquez, arrived in Habana on 26 January 1951 and departed for Guatemala during the week of 12 February 1951. Pedro Matos Arreaza, Venezuelan, who departed Habana for Guatemala in late January 1951* was arrested by the Guatemalan authorities in mid-February 1951, on the charge that he was a spy for the Junta of Venezuela. Exile circles believe that Matos double-crossed Miguel Angel Ramirez.
4. Rafael Molina, Mexican, veteran of the Spanish Civil War, and reported to be engaged in the illegal traffic of arms in Central America, is living in Arroyo Arenas, at the farm of Manuel Romero Padilla, a Congressman. Since his arrival in Habana, Molina has had a number of discussions with Enrique Henriquez.
5. General Raul Garcia Rivas, who had been living at Villa Maria, the farm of Juan Bosch in Arroyo Naranjo, until Bosch left for Costa Rica in December, is now reported to be receiving financial assistance from Rolando Vasferrer. Vasferrer is an enemy of Bosch and frequently attacks Bosch in his newspaper. This action of Garcia Rivas has, as a result, made Bosch and the PRD very angry with him.

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6. Juan Isidro Jimenez Grullon, important Dominican exile resident in Puerto Rico, departed Puerto Rico for Guatemala on 19 or 20 February 1951 to visit Miguel Angel Ramirez, at Ramirez' request.

7. It is reported that Miguel Angel Ramirez, who enjoys very good relations with Jacobo Arbenz, President of Guatemala, and Arbenz' aide, Francisco Morazan, has no intention of returning to Cuba as planned, but intends to remain in Guatemala. It is further reported that there has been no recent talk in Habana that would indicate an attempt by the exile group to invade the Dominican Republic.

8. Eufemio Fernandez, Cuban, who was once active in Dominican revolutionary affairs, was not invited to Guatemala for the inauguration of President Jacobo Arbenz. Among exile circles in Habana, Fernandez is considered, at the present time, to have no connection with any anti-Trujillo activity.

9. Arturo Travera, Dominican, student, age 20, arrived in Habana from Mexico on 22 February 1951. Arturo Travera Ramirez, age 20, student, presumably the same person, departed Habana for Ciudad Trujillo, Dominican Republic on 26 February 1951.**

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Comment: It has been previously reported that Arturo Travera was a member of the Dominican Intelligence Service and had been commissioned to kill Ramirez and others.

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